



# T O U R N E S O L

## 2016 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Vibrant garnet red with dense core. Entices with aromas of black cherry, raspberry jam, dark chocolate truffle and savory clove. Soft and broad on the palate with mouth-watering fruit balanced by earthy undertones. Subtle notes of cedar and dried herbs add dimension. Fine tannins make for an elegant finish. Lush and enjoyable upon release.

### WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The 2016 growing season brought significant winter rains that broke the three previous years of drought in the Napa Valley. The early, moderate growing degree days and lack of significant heat spells in the summer made for an almost perfect season. The Tournesol winemaking and vineyard team work closely together, paying attention to each vine as the season unfolds. The result at harvest was fruit with high quality that yielded wines with great balance, precision and depth of flavor.

### WINEMAKING INFORMATION

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were hand-harvested in the pre-dawn hours of October 8th and 10th under clear starry skies. The fruit was immediately taken to the winery, de-stemmed into small, open-top vinification bins for extended maceration. Each bin received punch-down treatments by hand and was monitored daily by winemaker Ken Bernards. Once the wine completed fermentation, it was gently racked into new, thin-staved French oak barrels selected from an array of forests with various toast levels and aged for 21 months. Opulent and juicy, this wine is delicious now and will undoubtedly develop beautifully over the next several years.



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**GRAPE SOURCE:** Tournesol Estate Vineyards

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**BARREL AGING:** 21 months in new French oak

**APPELLATION:** Coombsville AVA

**ALCOHOL:** 14.9%

**PRODUCTION:** 186 cases

**HARVEST DATE:** October 8 & 10, 2016

**RELEASE DATE:** April 2020

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